



## Exceptional College and Career Preparation

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# Agenda

1-4:30 – (Long Afternoon)

- Overview of ACT Aspire
- Reporting & Counselling
- BREAK
- Online Resources Overview
  - Avocet
    - Process Flow Chart
  - Training Management System (TMS)

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# Know Where your Students Are!

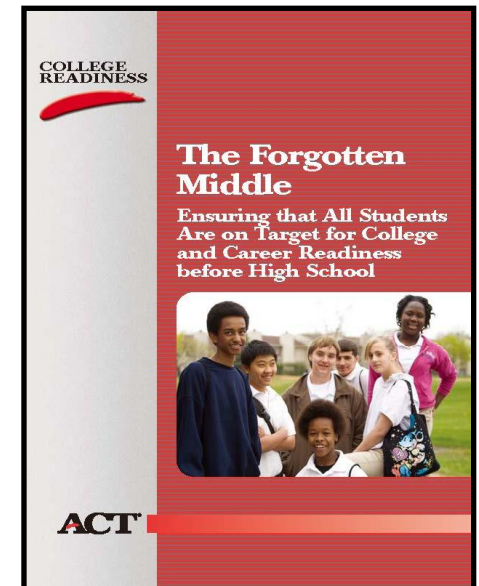
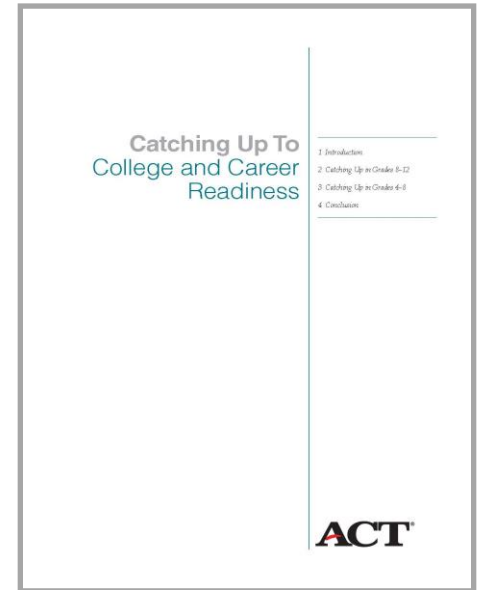
on their path to college and career readiness  
(grades 3-high school)



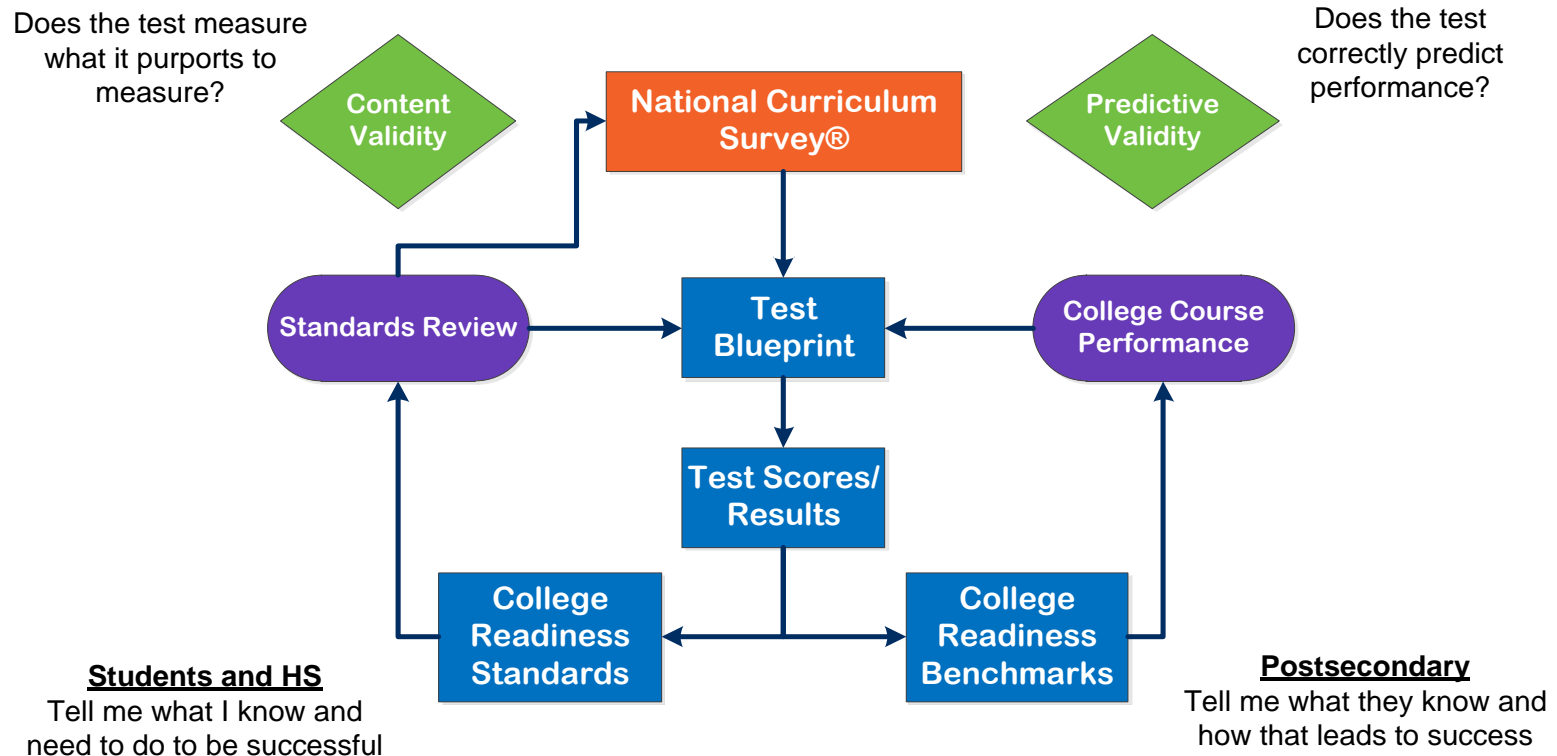
Know precisely where they stand in English, reading, writing, math and science every step of the way elementary through high school.

# Research Supports Early Monitoring

- Readiness matters
- Earlier monitoring matters
- Multiple dimensions matter



# The Science Behind ACT Assessments: Evidence and Validity



# ACT Aspire

| Grade 3  | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 | Grade 7 | Grade 8 | Early High School | Grade 11 | Grade 12 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| ACT Aspire Summative Assessments (Grades 3-10)                     |         |         |         |         |         |                   |          |          |
| ACT Aspire Periodic Assessments: Classroom / Interim (Grades 3-10) |         |         |         |         |         |                   |          |          |

- Vertically articulated, standards-based system of assessments to monitor progress in the context of college and career readiness
- Summative assessments on a vertical scale that spans grades 3–10 and links to ACT’s College Readiness score scale (1–36)
- Five Subject areas: English, math, reading, science, and writing
- Linear, computer-based, multiple question types with paper-and-pencil option

## Launched in April 2014 – Summative Assessments

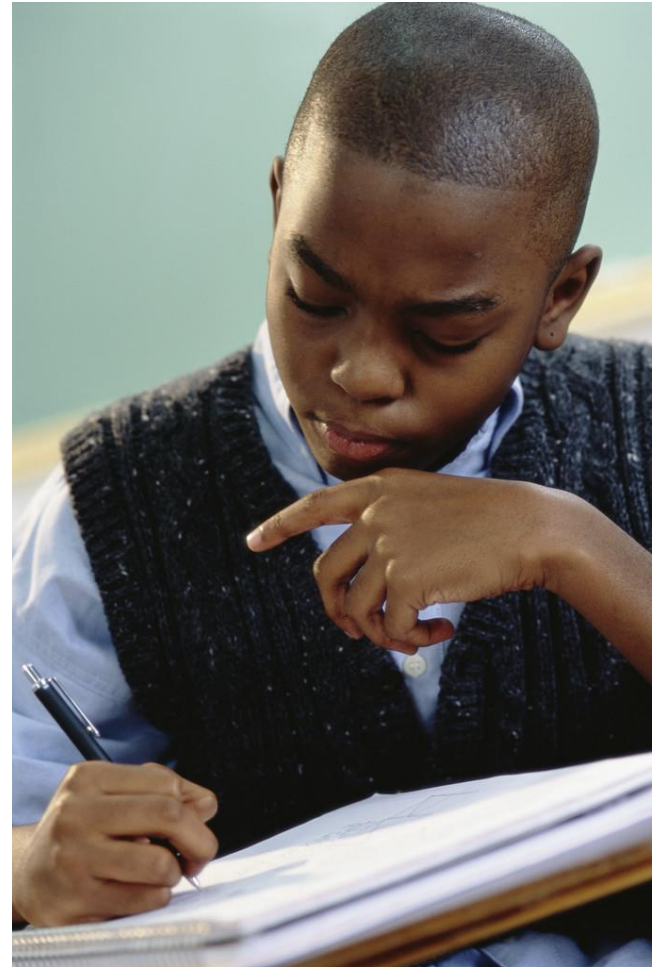
|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Summative Assessments | <p>English, writing, math, reading and science assessments available for grades 3-8 and early high school (grades 9-10). Paper &amp; Pencil in addition to CBT</p> <p>Accommodated versions of these assessments available.</p> <p>Spanish translations available for grades 3-6.</p> <p>Longitudinal Reporting/Simple Interventions</p> |
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## Launching Fall 2014 – Periodic Assessments

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Classroom Assessments | English, math, reading, and science assessments will be available for grades 3–8  |
| Interim Assessments   | English, math, reading, and science assessments will be available for grades 3–10 |

# Field Testing

- **Items were field tested** in the fall of 2012 for all grades with additional field testing conducted in Spring of 2013 -- surpassing 600,000 student responses.
- **Three separate studies** were conducted to tie the resulting data together and **set the scales** for the assessments, **equate** the different forms of the test, and to **compare the delivery modes** between online and paper-based testing.



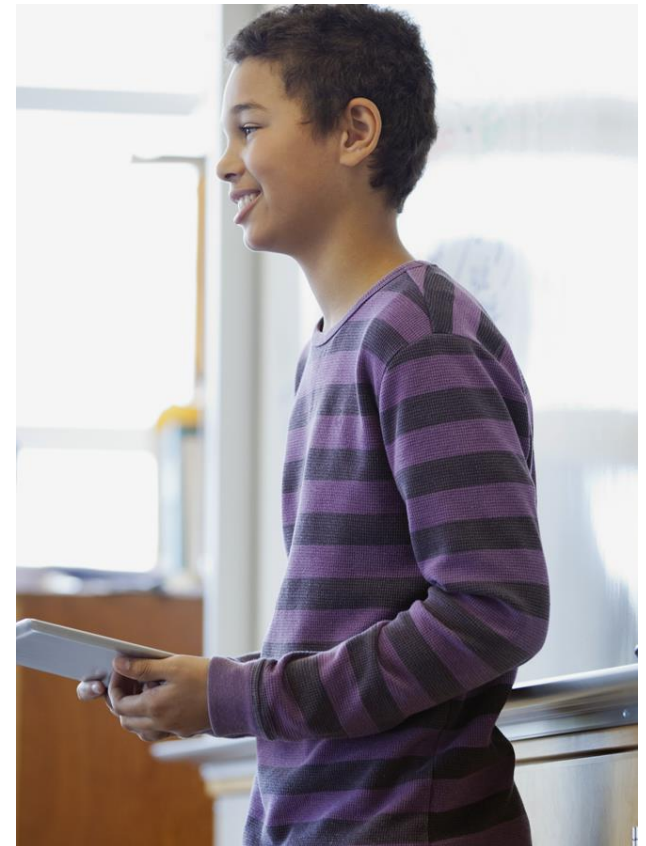
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# Benefits to You

- **Highest quality item development and test construction**
- **Validated standards and benchmarks**
  - Provides a 3-digit, vertical scale for grades 3–10 empirically linked to the ACT scale through the inclusion of ACT's Readiness Benchmarks at each grade level
  - Highlights gaps between what students have actually learned and what they need to learn
- **Leverage technology**
  - CBT design to assess more authentic construct and create more natural engagement for students
  - Robust online reporting

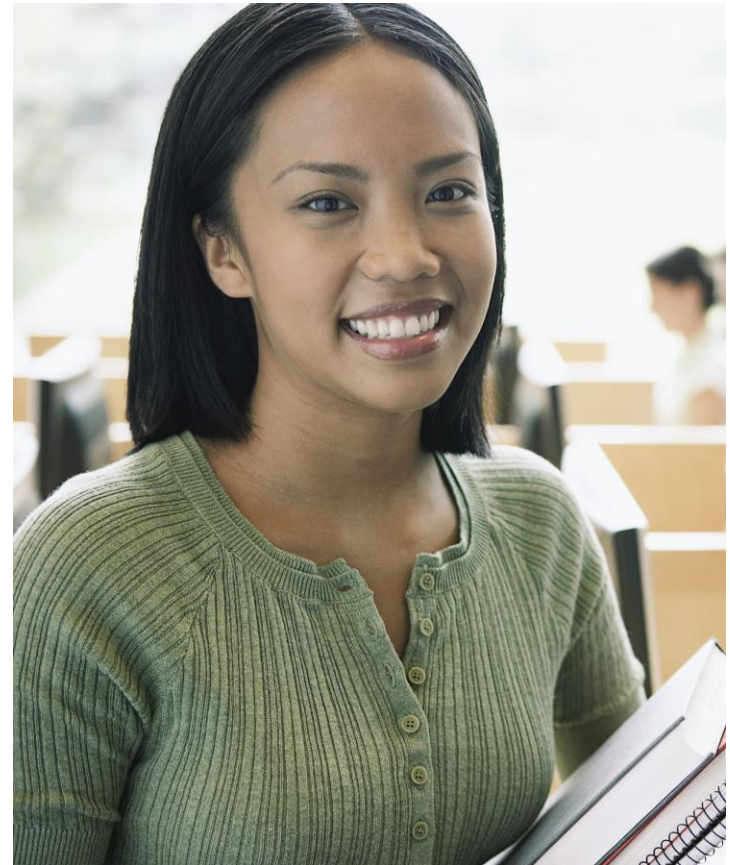
# Benefits to You

- **Sustainability plan**
  - Ongoing research, support, and validation
  - Item refreshment plan
- **Connectivity**
  - First digital, longitudinal system to connect student performance from grades 3–12 to college and career
  - An aligned classroom and interim-based tool and assessment
- **Standards-based reporting**



# What Makes ACT Aspire Unique?

- Measures “other” critical areas needed for student success
  - Science
  - STEM
  - ELA
  - Progress With Text Complexity
  - Progress Toward Career Readiness
- Employs modular administration by subject and/or grade
- Links to ACT College Readiness Benchmarks and aligns with Common Core State Standards
- Provides evidence-based results



# Technology Snapshot

- **Rapid Ramp Up**
  - Browser-based, so zero time lost to install; and uses your native industry browsers – so no time-draining browser install/removal
- **Group or Individual Testing**
  - High flexibility allows traditionally grouped tests – and significantly - individuals to be tested as needed
- **Robust Capacity:**
  - To date in 2013, Pearson delivered more than 5 million secure, high stakes, online tests



# Multiple Item Types

- **Selected Response**

Items can accurately distinguish students who grasp a basic concept from those who do not. As one component of our assessments, selected response items can help measure a large amount of content in a brief time.

- **Constructed Response**

Require learners to use creativity, organizational skills, logic, and content knowledge to demonstrate understanding.

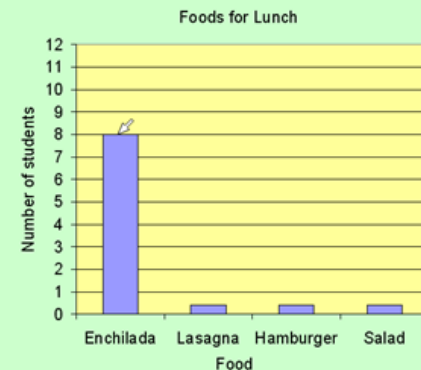
- **Technology Enhanced**

Any question that takes advantage of computer capability to present material to the student, engage the student in an activity, simulate the creation of information, or otherwise allow interaction not possible in paper mode testing.

Bonnie asked each of her classmates to select 1 of 4 foods for a class lunch. The table below shows her results.

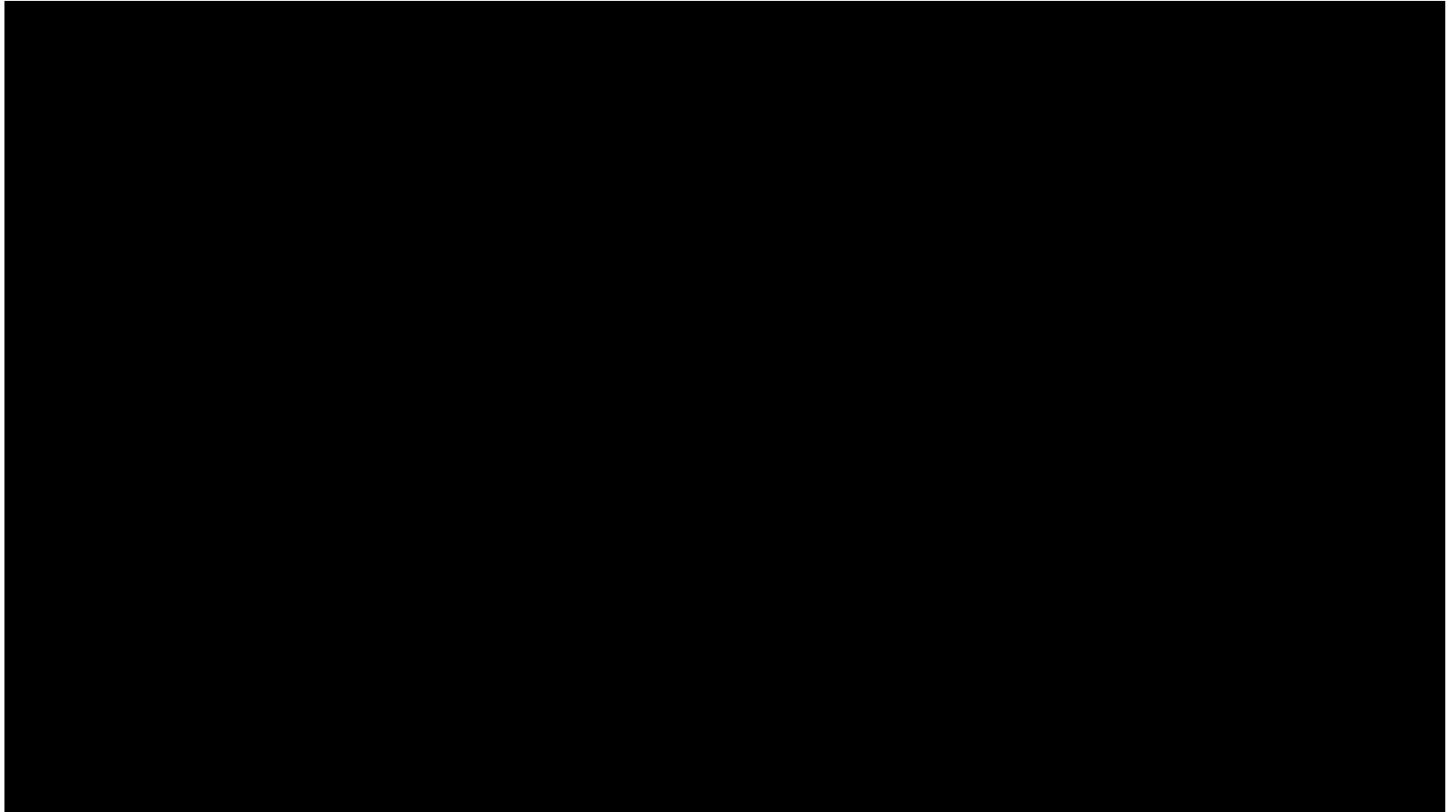
| Food      | Number of students |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Enchilada | 8                  |
| Lasagna   | 6                  |
| Hamburger | 4                  |
| Salad     | 11                 |

Bonnie wants to show her results with a bar graph. Click on the bar graph below where the top of each bar should be.



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# Science Technology Enhanced



# Understanding Demands on Your Time

**Assessment should always assist and guide instruction – not overwhelm it.** Thus ACT Aspire requires a testing commitment averaging only 4 hours total testing for all five subjects – with an average single test duration as low as 30 minutes – and not greater than 65 minutes per test.



Grades 3,4,5: 3 hours, 50 minutes  
Grades 6,7: 4 hours  
Grade 8: 4 hours, 5 minutes  
Early HS: 4 hours, 10 minutes

| Timing in Minutes |         |         |         |      |         |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|------|---------|
| Grade             | English | Writing | Reading | Math | Science |
| 3                 | 30      | 30      | 60      | 55   | 55      |
| 4                 | 30      | 30      | 60      | 55   | 55      |
| 5                 | 30      | 30      | 60      | 55   | 55      |
| 6                 | 35      | 30      | 60      | 60   | 55      |
| 7                 | 35      | 30      | 60      | 60   | 55      |
| 8                 | 35      | 30      | 60      | 65   | 55      |
| Early HS          | 40      | 30      | 60      | 65   | 55      |

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# Inclusive Accessibility Features

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Audio</b><br>read-aloud, text-to-speech,<br>and verbal descriptions | <b>Visual</b><br>color contrast settings,<br>screen magnification, line<br>reader, and highlighter |
| <b>Cognitive and engagement</b><br>answer masking                      | <b>American Sign Language<br/>(ASL)</b>  |
| <b>Closed captioning</b><br>of video content                           | <b>Braille</b><br>and tactile graphics   |
| <b>Large type</b><br>paper and pencil                                  |  |

# Second Language Support

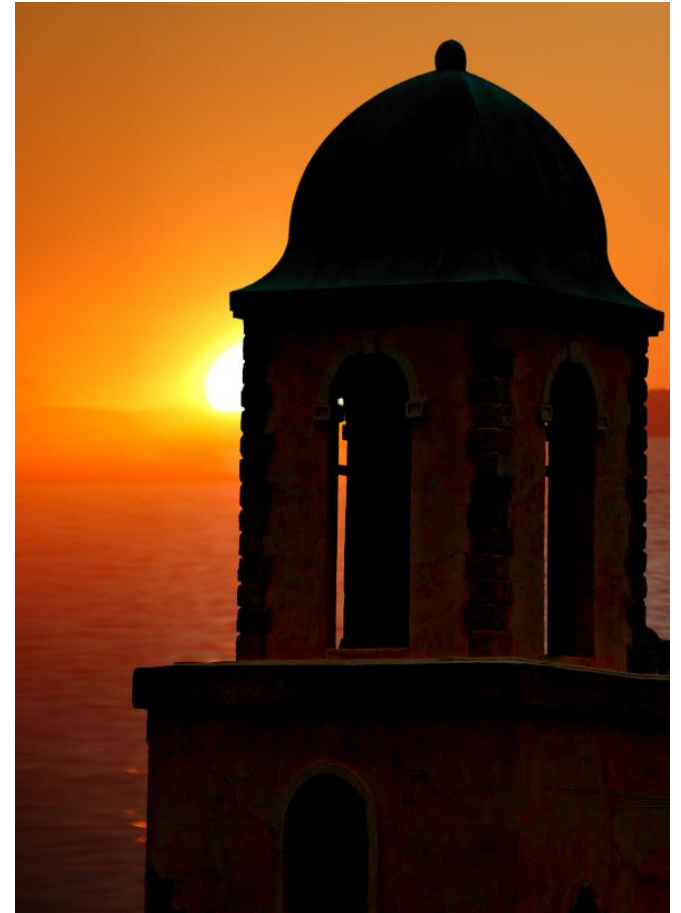
- **Grades 3-6**

Spanish Language Audio and Text

- Math, Science, and Writing

- **All grades**

Spanish Language Support Materials



# Important Dates: Summative

**Spring 2015 Testing Window:**

April 6 – May 29, 2015

**Deadline to order for spring:**

November 30, 2014

**ACT Aspire** ACT Aspire College & Career Readiness Order Form  
Email Completed form to [orders@ACTAspire.org](mailto:orders@ACTAspire.org)

**Step 1: Enter Customer Information**

Date:   
Organization Name (Customer):   
Attention:   
Address:  State:   
City:  Zip:   
Phone #:  Email Address:

**Step 2: Enter Order Information**

Please select your customer package:

What assessment product do you currently use?

Please select the solution you are purchasing:

How many grade levels are you purchasing for?

How many students will be assessed?

How many summative subjects will be assessed?

What summative window are you purchasing?

Which summative subjects are you purchasing? (select 5 from the group below)

☒ English ☒ Math ☒ Reading ☒ Science ☒ Writing

**Step 3: Enter Number of Students by Grade, Year and Computer- (CBT) or Paper-based (PBT) Testing**

|                     | 2014/15 |         | 2015/16 |         | 2016/17 |         |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                     | CBT     | PBT     | CBT     | PBT     | CBT     | PBT     |
| Grade 3             |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Grade 4             |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Grade 5             |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Grade 6             |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Grade 7             |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Grade 8             |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Grade 9             |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Grade 10            |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Total # of Students |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Price per Student   | \$18.00 | \$24.00 | \$21.50 | \$27.50 | \$25.00 | \$31.00 |
| Subtotal            |         |         |         |         |         |         |

Total Students/Year  Order Total:   
\$2,000 minimum order value

**Note:** There is a \$2,000 minimum order.



## Periodic and Classroom Assessments



# ACT Aspire Periodic Assessments

- Designed for rapid, ongoing measurement of student progress
- Perfect complement to the ACT Aspire summative assessments or as an independent program
- Two central components
  1. Interim Assessments
  2. Classroom Assessments
- Fixed format, computer-based, selected response assessments with immediate computer-based analysis and reporting.



# Interim Assessments

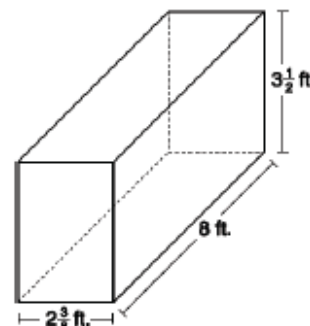
- Grades 3-10
- CBT and selected response only
- English, reading, math, science
- 2014-15 academic year will have 3 Interim Assessments, per grade, per content area
- Reporting
  - Student/Parent
  - Teacher/Group
  - School/District
  - Item Response/Analysis

## GEOMETRY

77%

12. A.3

Find the volume, in cubic feet, of the right rectangular prism pictured below.



100% D.  $66\frac{1}{2}$

A. 19

B.  $8\frac{5}{16}$

C.  $48\frac{3}{16}$

E. 15

# Interim Assessments

- 45 minutes or less for interim admin time
  - All interims are designed with the intent to be completed w/in a 45 minute class period
  - Math is projected to be the longest admin time for all grades
- Number of items ranges from 27-35 based on grade/subject



# PROTOTYPE

## SCIENCE

College and Career Readiness: Current Proficiency

**72%**

18 of 25



Percentage of Points Achieved in Each Subject's Skill

Improvement Ideas for Lowest Skill



Interpretation of Data

**90%**

9 of 10



Scientific Investigation

**75%**

5 of 7



Evaluation of Models, Inferences, and Experimental Results

**50%**

4 of 8



Practice making conclusions or predictions using data from experiments.

## READING

**44%**

11 of 25



Key Ideas and Details

**60%**

3 of 5



Craft and Structure

**50%**

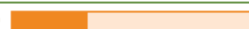
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Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

**30%**

3 of 10



Note language whose meaning is not clear and come up with possible meanings based on the context and your own knowledge.

## ENGLISH

**40%**

10 of 25



Production of Writing

**60%**

3 of 5



Knowledge of Language

**40%**

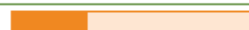
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Conventions of Standard English

**30%**

3 of 10



Practice checking verbs to make sure they match the subject in number and person, even when other nouns are between them.

PROTOTYPE

Highest Subjects

Lowest Subjects

**SCIENCE**

**READING**

**ENGLISH**

**MATHEMATICS**

| Group Average                            | 83%  | 66%  | 61%  | 57%  |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| Nellie Guillot                           | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| John Crim                                | 100% | 100% | 96%  | 96%  |
| Helen Reeves                             | 100% | 77%  | 100% | 96%  |
| Bryan Macpherson                         | 92%  | 96%  | 65%  | 90%  |
| Vera Burress                             | 65%  | 96%  | 77%  | 77%  |
| Anna Hackler                             | 97%  | 70%  | 77%  | 70%  |
| Stanley Ehrlich                          | 92%  | 70%  | 70%  | 70%  |
| Rosalie Holguin                          | 92%  | 75%  | 65%  | 65%  |
| Frank Fahey                              | 95%  | 70%  | 65%  | 60%  |
| Kim White                                | 85%  | 70%  | 60%  | X    |
| James Brophy                             | 88%  | 77%  | 75%  | X    |
| Martin Fee                               | 90%  | 67%  | 77%  | 60%  |
| Blanca Jansen                            | 87%  | 75%  | 73%  | 40%  |
| Philip Butterworth                       | 82%  | 73%  | 70%  | 58%  |
| Gloria Maynor                            | X    | 63%  | 66%  | 40%  |
| Ernest Schram                            | 82%  | 40%  | 53%  | 85%  |
| Jose Martin <small>or<br/>Cresic</small> | 81%  | 68%  | 18%  | 53%  |
| Steven Rupert                            | 85%  | 30%  | 55%  | 30%  |
| Benjamin Smith                           | 70%  | 25%  | 33%  | 20%  |
| Phillip Guess                            | 65%  | 19%  | 25%  | 15%  |

**Design Note**

School averages are provided after all students have completed testing.

**Example #1a**

The key changes when school averages are available.

No average comparisons are shown.

100% - 81%  
80% - 61%  
60% - 41%  
40% - 21%  
20% - 0%

X Not Assessed

# Classroom-based assessments

- Grades 3-8 only
- CBT and selected response only
- English, reading, math and science
- 5 item mini-assessments (aligned to 2 standards)
- 5 classroom assessments per grade, per content area
- 15-20 minutes for administration
- Reporting
  - Student/Parent
  - Teacher/Group
  - Item Response/Analysis



# PROTOTYPE

## GRADE 6 READING CLASSROOM ASSESSMENT #3

Your Score



### Correct

4. According to the passage, what is the one difference between the gray cub and his father?

- ☐ A. The gray cub lives in a cave.
- ☐ B. The gray cub has some red hair.
- ☐ C. The gray cub is a wolf.
- ☒ D. The gray cub has two eyes.

### Incorrect

3. As it is used in line 1, what does the word betrayed most nearly mean?

- ☐ A. Failed
- ☐ B. Misled
- ☒ C. Revealed
- ☐ D. Tricked

### Incorrect

1. From whose point of view is the passage told?

- ☐ A. The gray cub
- ☒ B. Old One Eye
- ☒ C. An unnamed narrator who mainly describes the feelings and actions of the gray cub
- ☐ D. An unnamed narrator who describes the thoughts and feelings of each character equally

### Incorrect

5. Based on the passage, what does the author most nearly mean when he says that the gray cub is "never oppressed by the narrow confines of his existence" (lines 18-19)?

- ☐ A. The gray cub is curious about the outside world.
- ☐ B. The gray cub feels neglected by his brothers and sisters.
- ☒ C. The gray cub feels trapped in one area of the cave.
- ☒ D. The gray cub is content in his lair.

### Incorrect: Not Answered

2. What is the main purpose of the first paragraph?

- ☒ A. To introduce the gray cub and show how he is unique from his siblings
- ☐ B. To describe a litter of cubs and show how they feel about the gray cub
- ☐ C. To describe the relationship between the gray cub and his mother
- ☐ D. To introduce a conflict between the gray cub and Old One Eye



## HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

Visit our website to learn more about the ACT Aspire assessment and results: [www.DiscoverACTAspire.org/xxxx](http://www.DiscoverACTAspire.org/xxxx)

### Design Notes

- The test title appears at the top of the page. Teachers select this title when creating the session.
- Lead with positive results by listing correct questions first.

**GRADE 6 READING CLASSROOM ASSESSMENT #3**

Average Score


**Design Notes**

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- Standards** 6.RL.1.A Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.
- 1.B Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- 2.A Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

|                | Highest Scoring Questions |     |     | Lowest Scoring Questions |     |
|----------------|---------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------|-----|
|                | 4                         | 1   | 3   | 5                        | 2   |
| Standard       | 1.B                       | 1.B | 2.A | 1.A                      | 1.A |
| Group Average  | 90%                       | 86% | 80% | 50%                      | 40% |
| Correct Answer | D                         | C   | C   | D                        | A   |

|                     |      |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------|------|---|---|---|---|
| Anna Hackler        | 100% |   |   |   |   |
| Helen Reeves        | 100% |   |   |   |   |
| John Crim           | 100% |   |   |   |   |
| Nellie Guillot      | 100% |   |   |   |   |
| Bryan Macpherson    | 80%  |   |   |   | C |
| Frank Fahey         | 80%  |   |   |   | C |
| Rosalie Holguin     | 80%  |   |   | A |   |
| Stanley Ehrlich     | 80%  |   |   |   | C |
| Vera Burress        | 80%  |   |   |   | C |
| Below Group Average | 63%  |   |   |   |   |
| Blanca Jansen       | 60%  |   |   | A | C |
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| Kim White           | 60%  |   |   | A | C |
| Martin Fee          | 60%  |   |   | A | C |
| Ernest Schram       | 40%  |   | B | C | C |
| Gloria Maynor       | 40%  | C |   | A | B |
| Jose Martin         | 40%  |   | B | C | B |
| Philip Butterworth  | 40%  |   | D | C | B |
| Benjamin Smith      | 20%  | B | D | C | x |
| Phillip Guess       | 20%  | B | D | C | B |
| Steven Rupert       | 20%  | C | A | A | C |

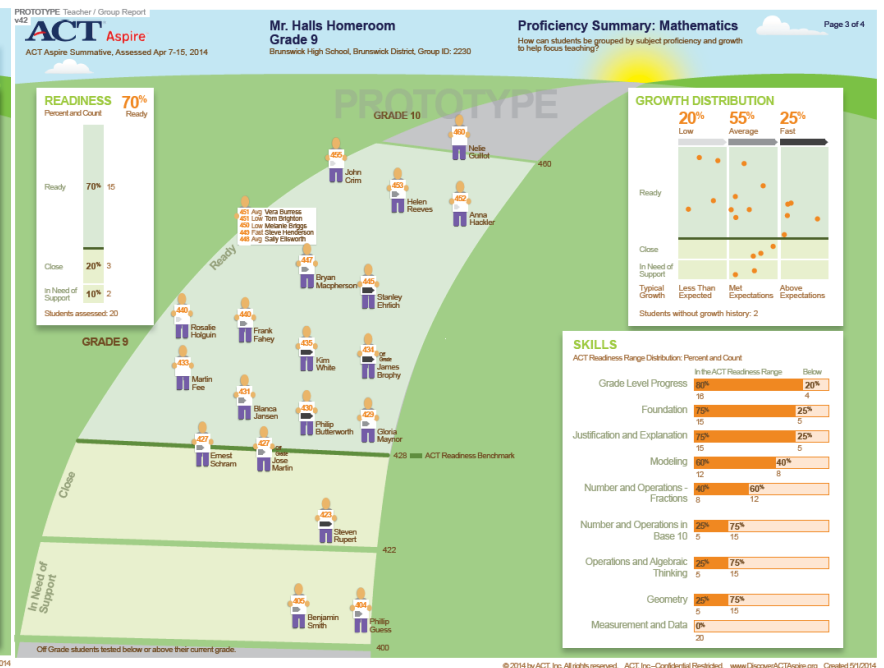
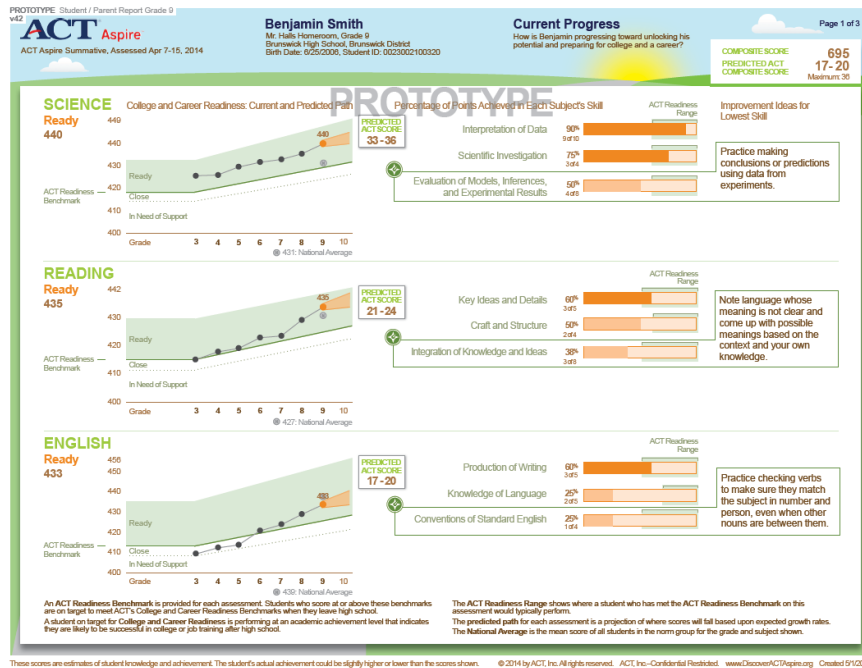
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# Important Dates: Periodic

Periodic assessment license good  
September 1, 2014 – June 20, 2015



# Summative Reporting



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# Summative Guiding Principles

## **Tell a Story**

Reflect each child's possibilities, not his or her deficits

## **Focus on the Journey**

Progression toward readiness matters, not individual scores

## **Self-Service**

Customers determine how deeply to engage with the data

## **Easy-to-Understand Language**

For all audiences

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# Answering Three Simple Questions

**Every report should  
answer 3 simple  
questions:**



- 1. How did I/we do?**
- 2. What does it mean?**
- 3. What do I do next?**

Each report is as inviting as it is responsive. This means novice through expert users will find satisfaction in performing complex tasks – simply.

# Listening First

## Customer Input

Experience with assessing, scoring, collecting and reporting data in a useful format should never be based on the assumption that such a skill set will simply arise.

Reports are designed for **both a quick glance overview – and detailed data to inform and guide next-step actions.**

PARENTS

Administrators

Educators

Students

ACT Experts

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# Focused on Growth

## Foundation based on Validated Measures from ACT's Research

- ACT College Readiness Standards
- ACT College Readiness Benchmarks

**ACT Readiness Benchmarks** all Grades/Subjects

**Multiple levels of Proficiency** all Relative to ACT Readiness Benchmarks

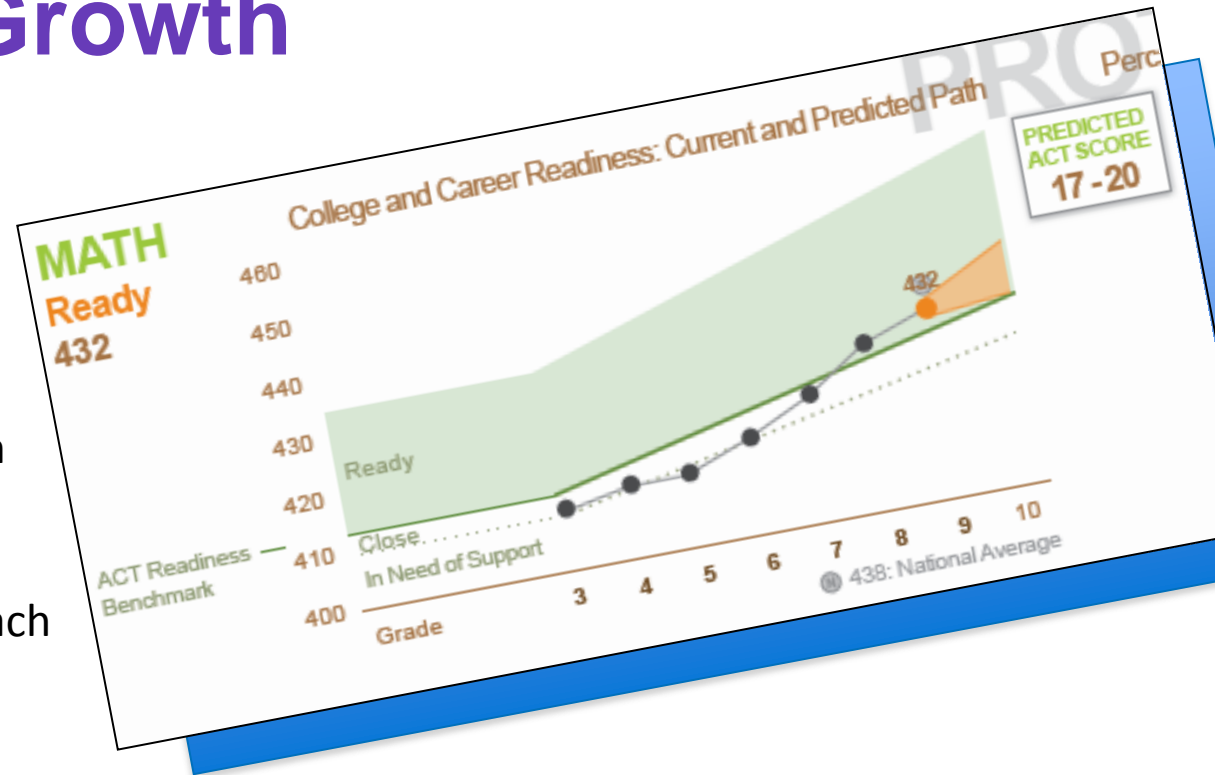
**Scaled Subject Scores** English, reading, math, science, and writing

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# Focused on Growth

Student Longitudinal Growth charts showing personalized progress

- Based on ACT's decades of research from Explore, Plan and ACT users
- Predicted ACT Scores for each subject beginning in early high school (Grades 9/10)
- National median scores to provide grade level context
- Composite scores for early high school (Grades 9/10)



**Two year student predicted path towards college and career readiness**

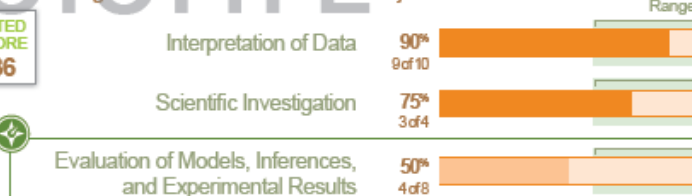
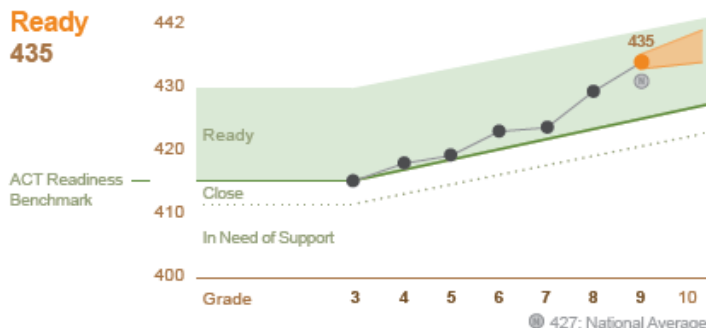
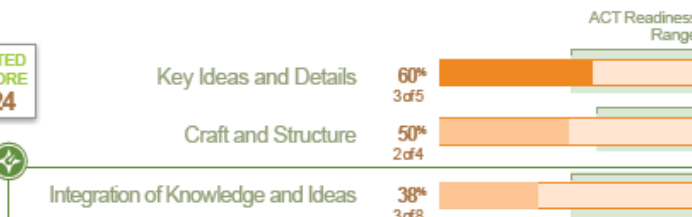
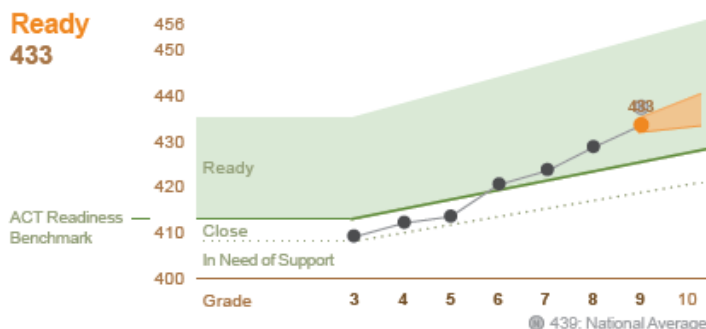
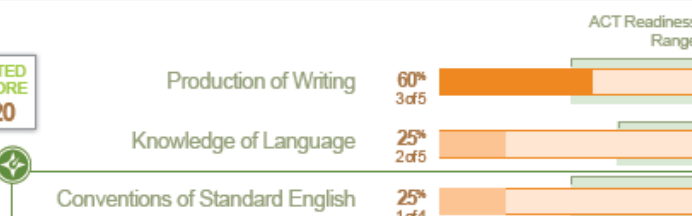
COMPOSITE SCORE

**695**PREDICTED ACT  
COMPOSITE SCORE**17-20**  
Maximum: 36**SCIENCE****Ready  
440**

College and Career Readiness: Current and Predicted Path

PREDICTED  
ACT SCORE  
**33-36**

Percentage of Points Achieved in Each Subject's Skill

Improvement Ideas for  
Lowest SkillPractice making  
conclusions or predictions  
using data from  
experiments.**READING****Ready  
435**PREDICTED  
ACT SCORE  
**21-24**Note language whose  
meaning is not clear and  
come up with possible  
meanings based on the  
context and your own  
knowledge.**ENGLISH****Ready  
433**PREDICTED  
ACT SCORE  
**17-20**Practice checking verbs  
to make sure they match  
the subject in number and  
person, even when other  
nouns are between them.

An ACT Readiness Benchmark is provided for each assessment. Students who score at or above these benchmarks are on target to meet ACT's College and Career Readiness Benchmarks when they leave high school.

A student on target for College and Career Readiness is performing at an academic achievement level that indicates they are likely to be successful in college or job training after high school.

The ACT Readiness Range shows where a student who has met the ACT Readiness Benchmark on this assessment would typically perform.

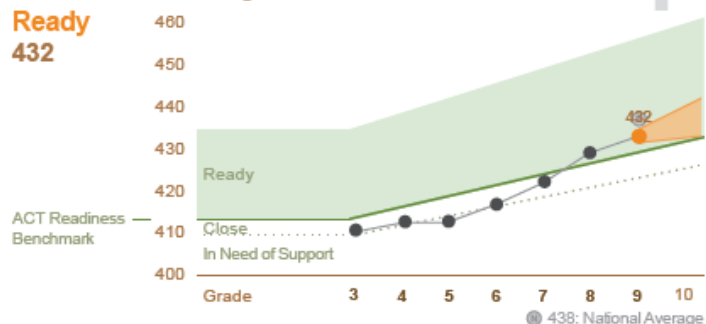
The predicted path for each assessment is a projection of where scores will fall based upon expected growth rates.

The National Average is the mean score of all students in the norm group for the grade and subject shown.

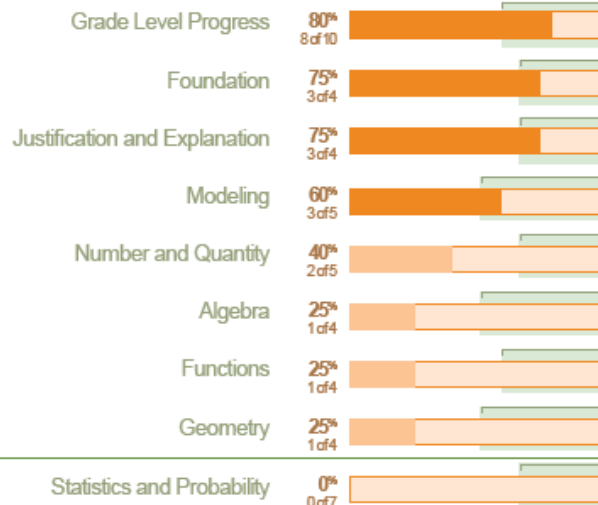
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Ready  
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College and Career Readiness: Current and Predicted Path



Percent of Points Achieved in Each Subject's Skill

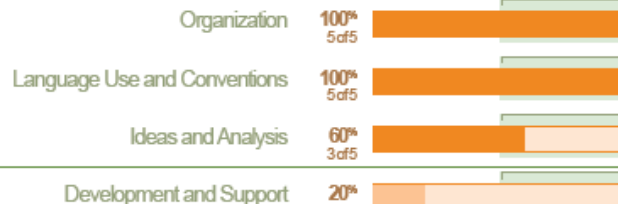
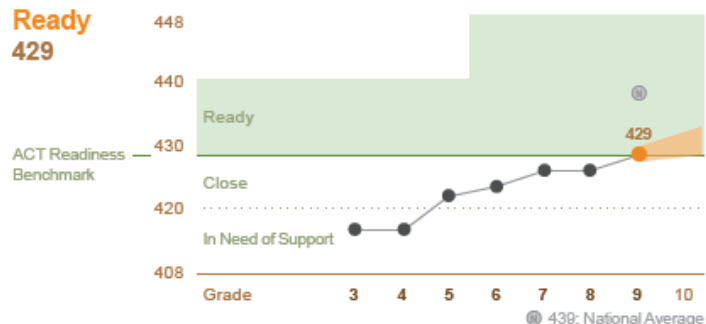


Improvement Ideas for Lowest Skill

Calculate the score needed on your next mathematics test to raise your overall grade by a certain percent.

# WRITING

Ready  
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Practice developing most ideas fully in your writing by using specific and relevant reasons, details, and examples. Try to show clear movement between general and specific ideas and examples.

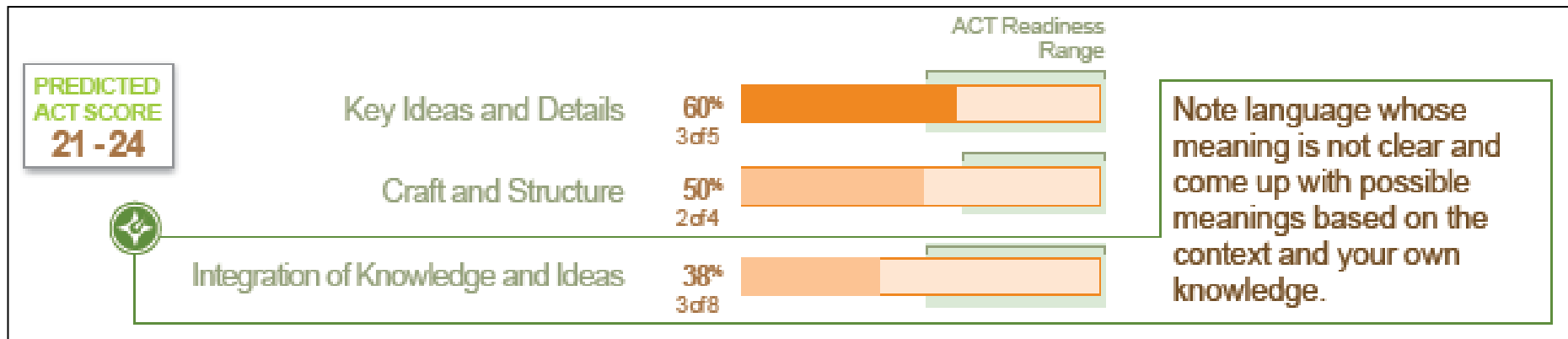


## HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

Visit our website to learn more about the ACT Aspire assessment and results: [www.DiscoverACTAspire.org/xxxx](http://www.DiscoverACTAspire.org/xxxx)

# Reporting Student Skills

## READING



### Standards performance

Based on ACT's College Readiness Standards and aligned to Common Core

### ACT Readiness Range

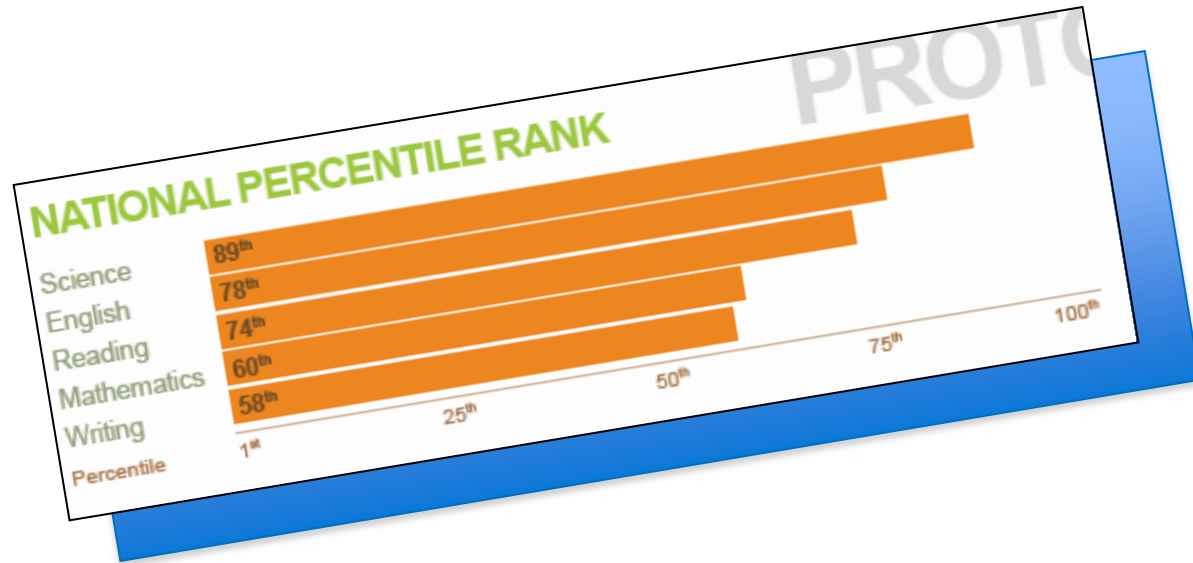
Typical performance of Students who have met the ACT Readiness Benchmark for that subject

### Paths to Improvement

Simple interventions

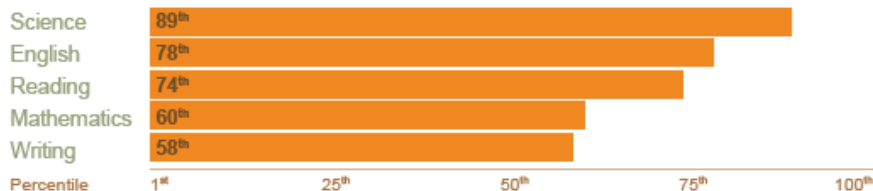
# Additional Measures of Readiness

- National Norms
- ELA Combined Score (English, Reading & Writing)
- Progress With Text Complexity
- STEM Score (Science & Math Combined)
- Progress Toward Career Readiness (Grades 8 – Early HS (9/10))



PROTOTYPE

## NATIONAL PERCENTILE RANK



Your ranks show the percentage of other grade 9 students in the nation who received a score that is the same as or lower than yours.

For example, a rank of 89 for your Science score means 89% of students earned that score or below.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS English, Reading and Writing Combined Score

**Below  
Readiness  
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Your English Language Arts (ELA) score represents your overall performance on the English, reading, and writing tests. The ACT Readiness Range represents the typical performance of students who meet the ACT Readiness Benchmarks in English, reading, and writing.



The ability to communicate thoughts and ideas clearly and to read and understand increasingly complex information is foundational to academic success in all subjects.

## PROGRESS WITH TEXT COMPLEXITY

Students must read and understand increasingly complex texts to prepare for the reading demands of college and career. Examples of factors that contribute to text complexity are vocabulary level and sentence structure. The reading test measures progress with text complexity by checking for understanding of texts from a range of complexity levels.

Sufficient Progress



Yes



No

Continue to build reading experiences with increasingly complex texts about a variety of subjects. Reading routines should include some careful reading of challenging texts with a focus on unfamiliar language and ideas that are central to the meaning.

These books demonstrate text complexity that represents sufficient progress toward college and career readiness for grade 9:

- *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- *Life by the Numbers* by Keith Devlin

## STEM

**Ready  
432**

Science and Mathematics Combined Score

Your STEM score represents your overall performance on the science and math tests. The ACT Readiness Range represents the typical performance of students who meet the ACT Readiness Benchmarks in science and math.



Developing strong science and math skills opens the door for you to take interesting courses, and pursue engaging college majors that may lead to rewarding STEM careers in the future.

Taking challenging high school or vocational courses in science and math can improve your opportunities to find STEM careers in a wide variety of industries, such as Health Care, Engineering, Education, and Technology.

## PROGRESS TOWARD CAREER READINESS

695

Composite  
Score

You are making progress toward a Bronze level on the ACT NCRC.

Progress Toward Career Readiness is an early indicator of your future achievement on the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). The ACT NCRC is an assessment-based credential that documents foundational work skills important for job success across industries and occupations.

Bronze



Silver



Gold



695

620

730



Learn how NCRC performance relates to job skill requirements:  
<http://www.act.org/workkeys/briefs/files/NCRCRequirements.pdf>.

This information is not to be considered a substitute for actual performance on the ACT NCRC.

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# Aggregate Reporting that Enables Educators

Experience with assessing, scoring, collecting and reporting data in a useful format should never be based on the assumption that such a skill set will simply arise.

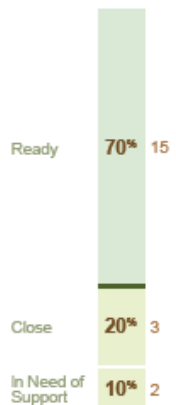
- Easy to use and interpret
- Flexible student grouping
- Quick identification of benchmark attainment, growth and standards performance
- Identifies potential curriculum gaps. students in need of intervention, and opportunities for professional development

## READINESS

70%

Percent and Count

Ready



Students assessed: 20

## GROWTH DISTRIBUTION

20%

Low

55%

Average

25%

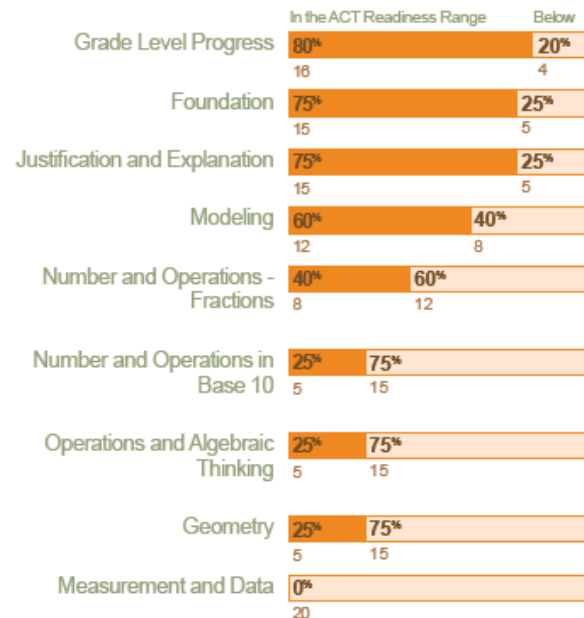
Fast



Students without growth history: 2

## SKILLS

ACT Readiness Range Distribution: Percent and Count



PROTOTYPE

GRADE 10

GRADE 9

Ready

Close

In Need of Support

428 ACT Readiness Benchmark

PROTOTYPE

|                                       |     | <div>Highest Skills<span>→</span>Lowest Skills</div> |                      |                               |          |                                   |                                  |                                   |          |                      |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------------|
|                                       |     | Foundation   | Grade Level Progress | Justification and Explanation | Modeling | Number and Operations - Fractions | Number and Operations in Base 10 | Operations and Algebraic Thinking | Geometry | Measurement and Data |
| Ready 428-460                         |     |  |                      |                               |          |                                   |                                  |                                   |          |                      |
| Nellie Guillot                        | 460 |  |                      |                               |          |                                   |                                  |                                   |          |                      |
| John Crim                             | 455 |  |                      |                               |          |                                   |                                  |                                   |          |                      |
| Helen Reeves                          | 450 |  |                      |                               |          |                                   | □                                |                                   |          |                      |
| Anna Hackler                          | 450 |  |                      |                               |          |                                   |                                  |                                   |          | □                    |
| Vera Burress                          | 445 |  |                      |                               |          |                                   |                                  |                                   |          | □                    |
| Bryan Macpherson                      | 440 |  |                      |                               |          |                                   |                                  |                                   |          |                      |
| Stanley Ehrlich                       | 438 |  |                      |                               |          |                                   |                                  |                                   |          |                      |
| Rosalie Holguin                       | 435 |  |                      |                               |          |                                   |                                  |                                   | □        | □                    |
| Frank Fahey                           | 435 |  |                      |                               |          | □                                 |                                  |                                   | □        |                      |
| Kim White                             | 435 |  |                      | □                             |          |                                   |                                  |                                   |          | □                    |
| James Brophy <small>Off Grade</small> | 433 |  |                      |                               |          |                                   |                                  |                                   | □        | □                    |
| Martin Fee                            | 430 |  |                      |                               |          |                                   |                                  | □                                 | □        |                      |
| Blanca Jansen                         | 429 |  |                      |                               |          |                                   |                                  |                                   |          | □                    |
| Philip Butterworth                    | 429 |  |                      |                               |          |                                   | □                                | □                                 | □        |                      |
| Gloria Maynor                         | 428 |  |                      |                               |          |                                   |                                  | □                                 | □        | □                    |
| Close 422-427                         |     |  |                      |                               |          |                                   |                                  |                                   |          |                      |
| Ernest Schram                         | 427 |  |                      |                               |          |                                   | □                                | □                                 | □        | □                    |
| Jose Martin <small>Off Grade</small>  | 425 |  |                      |                               | □        | □                                 | □                                |                                   |          | □                    |
| Steven Rupert                         | 423 |  |                      | □                             | □        | □                                 | □                                | □                                 | □        | □                    |
| In Need of Support 400-421            |     |  |                      |                               |          |                                   |                                  |                                   |          |                      |
| Benjamin Smith                        | 421 |  |                      | □                             | □        | □                                 | □                                | □                                 | □        | □                    |
| Phillip Guess                         | 419 |  | □                    | □                             | □        | □                                 | □                                | □                                 | □        | □                    |

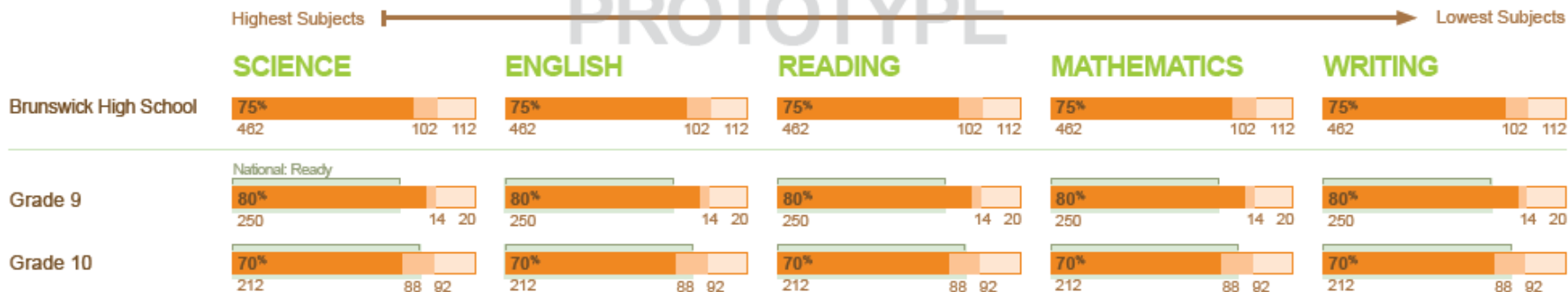


**SKILL FOCUS** Better proficiency in this skill may improve scores.  
 Measurement and Data: This skill is...

**Design Note**  
 Keys are placed at the bottom of every page.  
 Insights are placed on the last page.

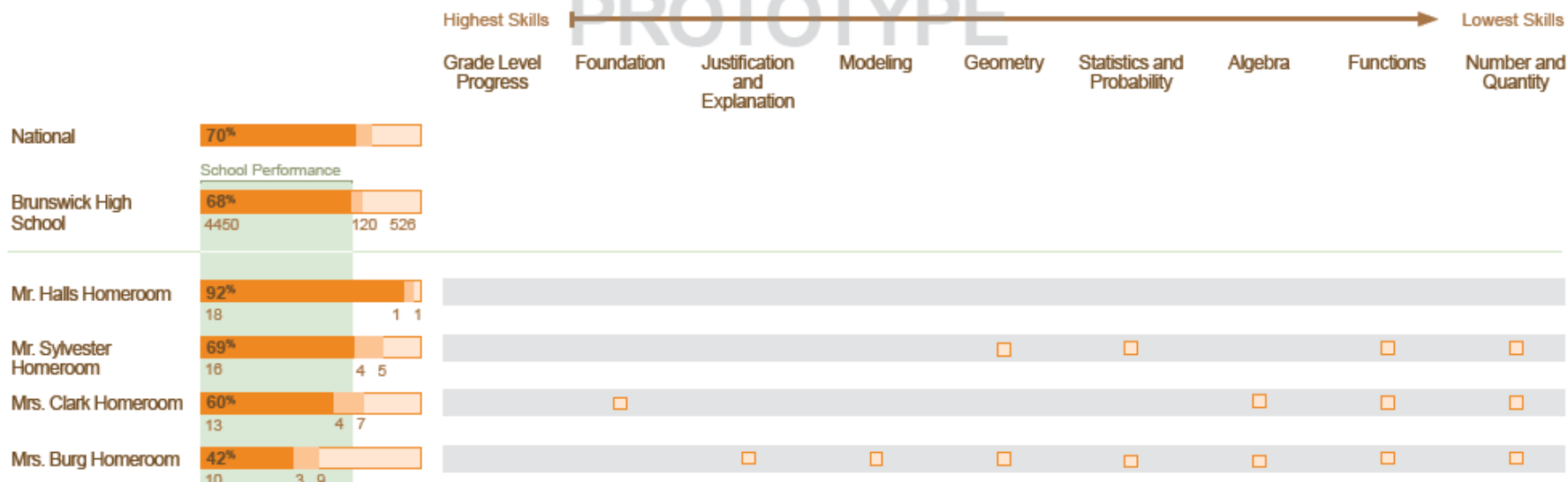
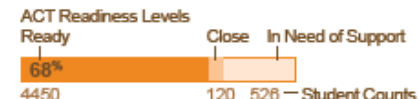
Off Grade students  
 tested below or above  
 their current grade.

□ Below the ACT Readiness Range  
 Blank = In the ACT Readiness Range



**SUBJECT FOCUS** Better proficiency in Writing may improve scores.  
Writing skills are...

**Design Note**  
Subjects are ordered by school performance.



# Online Reporting Schools and Districts Snapshot

- Rich data and insights
- Accessible via computer or tablet
- Downloadable PDFs of prebuilt reports
  - Student and Educator Reports printable by schools
  - Reports for Schools, Districts, and States
- Aggregate data files available for download to SIS





## Support & Training Processes & Resources

Avocet

Process Flow Chart

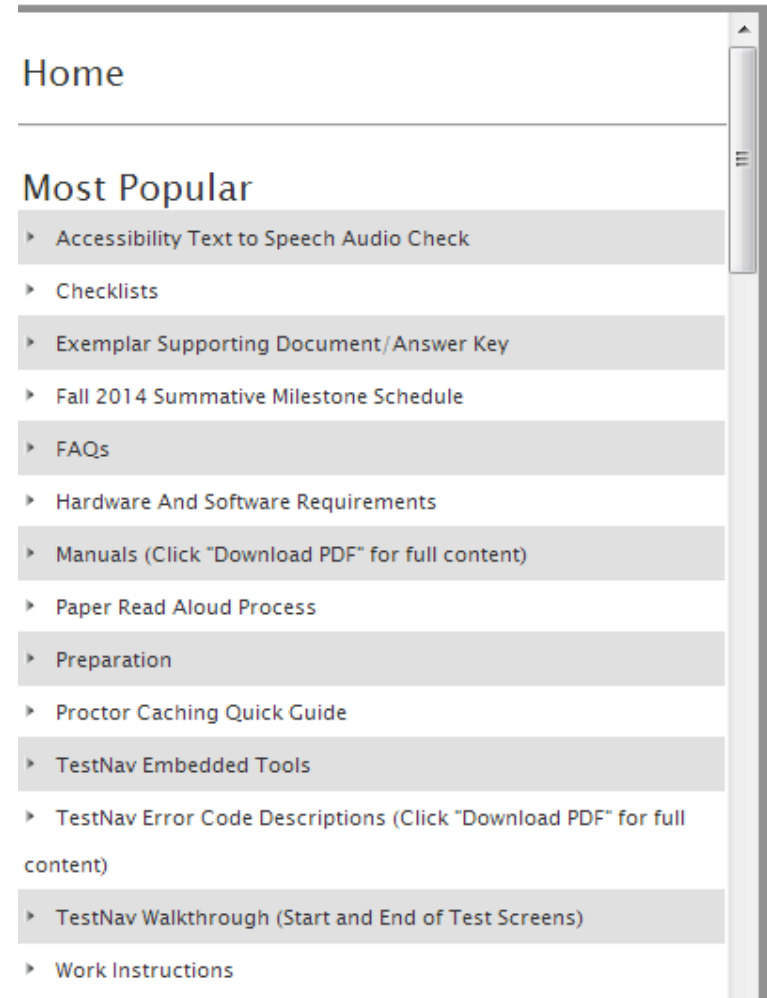
Training Management System (TMS)



# Support

## Avocet

- This site contains a number of print resources such as guides that complement all the videos in the training management system, other quick start guides and user and technical guides
- [actaspire.avocet.pearson.com/actaspire/home](http://actaspire.avocet.pearson.com/actaspire/home)
- [ACTAspire\\_implementation@actaspire.org](mailto:ACTAspire_implementation@actaspire.org)



# Support

## ACT Aspire Training Management System

- Contains a number of video resources such as uploading student data, creating new test sessions, and printing student authorization tickets – to name a few
- [actaspire.tms.pearson.com](http://actaspire.tms.pearson.com)

### Available Modules

Choose a module below.

Summative

#### Assessing Readiness: SystemCheck for TestNav and Proctor Caching

This presentation includes step by step instructions on how to use SystemCheck to test connectivity into the TestNav8 environment, as well as the local testing capacity with and without using Proctor Caching.

Length: 20 minutes

Launch

#### Proctor Cache Portal Setup

This tutorial will provide instructions on setting up proctor cache defaults in the ACT Aspire Portal.

Length: 20 Minutes

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#### User Login and Profile Set-Up

This tutorial will provide instructions on how users receive an invitation and log into the Portal.

Length: 5 minutes

Launch

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#### Uploading Student Data

This tutorial will provide steps on how to upload your Student Data into the Portal.

Length: 5 minutes

Launch

#### Manually Entering and Updating Student Data

This tutorial will provide steps to enter and edit student data in the Portal, as well as step by step instructions to move a student to another school or organization in the Portal.

Length: 6 minutes

Launch

#### Creating and Using Groups

This tutorial will provide steps to create and manage groups in the Portal.

Length: 3 minutes


Launch



## Creating and Using Groups

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### Assessments

*of students' knowledge and skills are critical to ensure that all learners receive the support and services necessary to help them succeed in school and life. The essential, actionable information and insights gained from ACT Aspire help educators understand a student's past, capture the present, and impact the future. The following section outlines planned parameters of the solution.*

#### Understanding The Demands On Your Time



#### Assessment

should always assist and guide instruction – not overwhelm it.

|            | Timing in Minutes |         |         |      |         |
|------------|-------------------|---------|---------|------|---------|
| Grade      | English           | Writing | Reading | Math | Science |
| 3          | 30                | 30      | 60      | 55   | 55      |
| 4          | 30                | 30      | 60      | 55   | 55      |
| 5          | 30                | 30      | 60      | 55   | 55      |
| 6          | 35                | 30      | 60      | 60   | 55      |
| 7          | 35                | 30      | 60      | 60   | 55      |
| 8          | 35                | 30      | 60      | 65   | 55      |
| Early High | 40                | 30      | 60      | 65   | 55      |



**Know where your students are!**

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